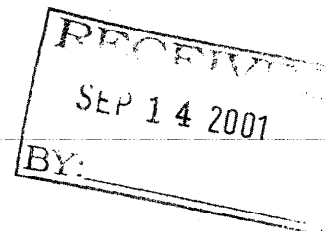




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Food and Drug Administration
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Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter will serve as a 30 day notification pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 that NBTY Inc. is using the following statements on the Beta Carotene 10,000 IU supplement under the Major brand name.

- Supports the immune system essential for healthy eyes and skin.
- Beta Carotene is a Provitamin A.
- This Provitamin A converts to Vitamin A in your body as it is needed.
- Vitamin A is essential for good vision, healthy skin and hair.
- Beta Carotene helps protect the body against free radical formation which can cause damage to cells and tissues.

The above statements are accompanied by the required disclaimer pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act.

Sincerely,

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